

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

The specification at page 16, lines 2-11, has been rewritten as follows:

FIG. 8 illustrates a hydraulic fitting assembly 400 that utilizes a plug 402, an o-ring 404, and a port or female connector 406. The plug 402 is comprised of an internal bore 408 that can be hexagonal in shape for receiving a tool for tightening and loosening the plug. The plug 402 further includes a cap 410, a frustro-conical portion 412, a groove portion 414, and a threaded portion 416. The groove portion 414 is designed similarly to the construction shown in FIGS. 2 and 3. However, the design is changed in that the o-ring 404 resides in a groove 414 located in the female member 406, as well as in a groove 416 that is located within the plug 402. This allows the seal to be compressed within the cavity 418 that is created by grooves 414 and 416.

The specification at page 16, lines 16-22, has been rewritten as follows:

The plug 452 is comprised of a groove recess 460 that is operable to receive o-ring 456. The groove 460 is positioned on an inner outer surface 462 of the plug 452. The port 458 has a groove 464 that is normal to face 466. The grooves 460, 464, respectively, are slightly larger than the outer diameter of the ~~O-rings~~ o-rings 454, 456, respectively, yet allow for ample room for compression of the o-rings during assembly. The construction of the grooves 460 and 464 are similar to the construction of the groove 52 as disclosed in FIGS. 2 and 3 above.

The specification at page 16, line 23 - page 17, line 6, has been rewritten as follows:

FIG. 10 illustrates a partial sectional view of an alternative fitting assembly 500 utilizing a plug 502, an o-ring 504 (e.g., a seal portion), and a port 506. The plug 502 is comprised of a hex-head portion 508 (e.g., a cap portion) that is operable to receive a wrench, an integral washer face 510 (e.g., an annular shoulder portion), a frusto-conical portion 512, a groove 514 within the face of the frusto-conical portion 512, and a threaded portion 516. As shown in FIG. 10, the annular shoulder portion (e.g., washer face 510) has a diameter at least equal to or greater than the diameter of the cap portion (e.g., hex-head portion 508). The seal 504 is similar in construction to the o-ring 124 of FIG. 5. The groove 514 is located normal to the face of the frusto-conical surface 512 and is constructed similarly to the groove disclosed in FIG. 5. As shown in FIG. 10, the port 506 is operable to at least partially receive the annular shoulder portion (e.g., washer face 510) of the fitting assembly 500, wherein the shoulder portion (e.g., washer face 510) is operable to seal the port 506 when the annular shoulder portion (e.g., washer face 510) is partially received in the port 506.

The specification at page 17, lines 10-18, has been rewritten as follows:

FIG. 11 is an alternative illustration of yet an additional connector assembly 600 utilizing a nut 602, o-ring 604 (e.g., a seal portion), a port 606 and a male connector 608. This embodiment differs from the FIG. 6 embodiment in that the nut design is

different. The nut 602 includes an integral washer 610 (e.g., an annular shoulder portion) (making it a flanged nut) and a frustro-conical face 612. An internal fluid passageway 614 extends through the assembly 600 and extends substantially parallel to axis 616. The nut 602 is comprised of a hex-head cap 617 (e.g., a cap portion). Within the face is a groove 618 positioned normal to the face 612. The o-ring 604 (e.g., a seal portion) is positioned in the groove 618 and extends into a recess adjacent the threaded area 619 of the port 606.

The specification at page 18, lines 1-7, has been rewritten as follows:

FIG. 12 is an alternative to the FIG. 11 design, illustrating a fluid fitting 700 including a flanged nut 702 (e.g., a cap portion), a conical-shaped washer 704 (e.g., an annular shoulder portion) shown in a flattened position, a port 706 and a male connector 708. An o-ring 710 (e.g., a seal portion) is positioned adjacent to the separate washer 704 (e.g., an annular shoulder portion) and is located in a recess 712 located in the bore 714 of the port 706. The o-ring 710 (e.g., a seal portion) is further positioned adjacent the threads 716. The washer 704 (e.g., an annular shoulder portion) compresses the o-ring 710 (e.g., a seal portion) within the recess 712 to ensure integrity of the fitting.